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MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME)

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FIRST RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

For:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 13, 2002 in the patent application identified above, the Applicant here elects Invention Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to a semiconductor device, for further prosecution in this application.

This election is without traverse.

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. The applicant awaits further examination consistent with the election herein.

Respectfully submitted.

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